

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended as requested by the Examiner. Approval is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

The Examiner requests that Applicant file a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection. In response to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding requirements have been complied with and the Application is now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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